

DEATH IN THE FLOOD

BOARDING HOUSE FULL OF PEOPLE
SWEEP AWAY AT CECIL, PA.

Half-Dressed Women, Preparing for a Dance, Carried Down the Stream and Drowned.

VICTIMS AROUND PITTSBURGH

TEN LIVES LOST AND TWO SCOR
INJURED DURING THE STORM.

Heavy Damage to Private Property. Crops and Railroads Throughout Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 28.—Eight persons were drowned in the flood last night. Seven of these met death at Cecil, a mining and oil hamlet in Washington county, the eighth victim going down at Carnegie. The dead are:

MRS. SAMUEL MCKINNEY, fifty years old.

MARGARET MCKINNEY, daughter, thirty years old.

JAMES MCKINNEY, eight years old.

CLYDE BEATTY, twenty-one years old, oil-well pumper of Sistersville, W. Va.

G. C. HIGGINS, forty-five years old, oil-well pumper of Bradford, Pa.

VINCENT WILKINSON, twenty-five years old, oil-well employee of Yowinkle, Forest county, Pa.

JENNIE HOLMES, eighteen years old, daughter of a Cecil coal miner.

JOHN WRIGHT, (colored), seventeen years old, employee of a lively man at Carnegie.

Samuel McKinney kept a boarding house at Cecil for the accommodation of oil men and miners. The house was situated on the banks of Miller's run, a tributary of Chartiers creek. Ordinarily the run, which flows through a valley backed up by a high and steep hills, would scarcely float a chip, but last night a cloudburst filled it in its closely-confined quarters to such an extent that everything along its banks was endangered.

There were thirteen people in the McKinney House when the water commenced to rise at 9:30 o'clock last night, but no serious danger was apprehended. The men busied themselves carrying the household goods to the second floor and the female portion of the household continued their dressing for the dance which was being held in a neighboring hall. Suddenly the house, a two-story frame, was washed from its foundation into the seething waters and rapidly carried down stream. It was then too late for any one in the house to escape.

Below the site of the house, about 200 yards, stands an old-fashioned country bridge which spans the stream. The house crashed against this structure, the roof was torn off and the rest of the building was crushed like an eggshell in being forced under the bridge.

Higgins and W. B. Whitner were caught between the first and second floors. Higgins died there, but Whitner made a marvelous escape. Those on the second floor were badly squeezed. Just below the bridge the wreckage of the house struck on a sand bar with those of the party who were still alive clinging to the pieces with scarcely a hope of being rescued.

Thomas Hays, Vincent Wilkinson and others formed a rescuing party. Whitner was rescued while fast in the wreckage by Wilkinson, who also dragged the dead body of Higgins from its lodging. Samuel McKinney was also saved by Wilkinson. After assisting in other rescues Wilkinson heard a cry for help from the opposite side of the stream, and, notwithstanding the extreme hazard attached to the attempt, the brave fellow made the effort to swim across with a rope. When about half way over a log struck him on the head and broke his neck. His body was found several hundred yards below, lodged in a tree.

Clyde Beatty was another hero of the disaster who lost his life. He made strenuous efforts to save Margaret McKinney and Jennie Holmes and had them lodged in a tree, when a wave came along and swept all three to death. Beatty had several opportunities to save himself, but refused to leave his weaker companions.

Those of the unfortunate party who were rescued were taken from the branches of trees and portions of the wrecked house. Those who lost their lives were either crushed in the wreckage or knocked insensible by rapidly floating logs, making them an easy prey for the raging torrent.

The bodies have all been recovered. Wright, the colored liverman, while attempting to drive across a bridge at Murray Hill was caught by the high water of Chartiers creek, near Carnegie, and drowned.

A DOUBLE STORM.

Pittsburgh Just Missed a Duplicating of St. Louis Calamity.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 28.—Three meteorological records were broken yesterday. It was in the first place the hottest day of the year, the thermometer at 4 o'clock

was 92 degrees, the maximum point. The rainfall for six minutes beats all records in the local weather bureau, which exceeds a half-inch. From 4:30 to 4:45 over a third of an inch of rain fell into the gauge on the roof of the government building, the other record breaker being that a veritable cold wave passed over the city at 5 o'clock.

The thermometer fell from 92 to 71, and then went back to 84. Had it not been that the slight change is registered in the ink this phenomenon would not have been noticed. The sudden change in a large extent caused a terrible electric display that continued without intermission until midnight.

The rain was 1.42 inches, and as the ground is thoroughly soaked all of it will reach the rivers and the flood of Saturday will probably be repeated.

After an hour of low murmuring thunder and the lightning, the storm broke out again, but the force of it seemed to be in the country districts back of the South-side hills, and reports coming in at a late hour contained the information that much damage had been done by lightning and an exceptionally heavy downpour of rain.

This storm crossed Silver lake and the Allegheny river, and struck the town of Chartiers, gave way, turning Finley's hollow into a raging torrent and swelling the run into a river, until it emptied into the Allegheny, near the Brilliant pumping station.

The full extent of the damage wrought was not known until daylight. Summed up at 9 o'clock this morning, with many things districts to be near from Chartiers, was two lives lost, thirty-six persons injured, many families and property damaged to the extent of \$100,000. The list of killed and injured follows:

LIST OF THE VICTIMS.

JACOB FLETCHER, aged thirty-five years, instantly killed in Greenfield avenue by a falling fence.

JOHN FIGUS, aged twenty-two, skull crushed by falling tree at Sugar Camp Grove.

Abner Hayes, freight receiver, P. F. W. & C. Co., by lightning, Monday, July 28, August Street, Robinson road, Allegheny, with family of six, shocked by lightning; all in a family killed.

Two children, 25 St. Clair street, struck by lightning; condition critical. George Miller, 211 Allegheny, by lightning.

Thomas O'Connell, Jacob Metz, Charles Kosack, Frank Ott, Harry Hadden, all seriously injured by falling trees at Sugar Grove. Henderson Ritchie, aged thirty, killed by lightning.

Rocky, will not recover. Sydney Gehart, South Side, struck by lightning, will recover. Charles H. Hadden, 211 Allegheny, struck by lightning; injuries slight. James Brady, janitor of the Balston public school, struck by lightning.

Smith, struck in the neck by a flying signboard and badly hurt. Mortimer Shaw, of the Allegheny, struck by lightning.

Six girls in Armstrong's cork factory, cut by flying glass "Uncle Bob," a well-known actor, struck by lightning.

Old daughter of George Miles, 29 Mulberry alley, struck in the head with a brick, killed.

John H. Hadden, 211 Allegheny, struck by lightning; injuries slight. Unknown stable boy, blown against a cart at Twenty-second street and Pennsylvania avenue and broke two ribs.

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POPULIST STATE CONVENTION.

Selection of Electoral Ticket Proposed to a Deal with Indiana Democracy May Be Completed.

FULL STATE TICKET NAMED

THOMAS WADSWORTH, OF DAVIES
COUNTY, FOR GOVERNOR.

Scheme of Matthews and Shively to Secure an Indorsement for Democratic State Ticket Falls Through.

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